



HAMBURG LEAD (PLAYGROUND AND BERRY PROPERTY)

HAMBURG, PA - REGION III

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In 1993, EPA conducted a removal assessment, and subsequent removal actions associated with the Hamburg Lead Site, located in the Borough of Hamburg, Hamburg, Berks County, PA. The Hamburg Lead Site consists of 5 locations. Removal actions at all of 5 locations were completed as prescribed in the August 1993 Action Memorandum, and the September, 2000 Approval to Restart the Removal Action, and Increase in Removal Funds, and Exemption from 12-month Statutory Limit for a CERCLA Action. However, based on a September 2011 inspection of 2 of the locations (the Berry Property, and the Playground Area), conducted by OSCs Todd Richardson and Rich Fetzer, EPA has determined that there is an immediate need to return to these areas and conduct additional work. Although the previous action was effective in the reduction of human exposure to lead contamination resulting from impacted soil and waste (battery casings), it is necessary to return to conduct additional work due to the combination of the erosion of areas that had been addressed under the previous action, and the continued heightened concern previously expressed by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) with regard to exposed battery waste in residential and/or public areas where children regularly visit and play.

The Hamburg Lead Site consisting of 5 locations, has been addressed in accordance with the August 1993 Action Memorandum, and the September, 2000 Approval to Restart the Removal Action, and Increase in Removal Funds, and Exemption from 12-month Statutory Limit for a CERCLA Action. As a result of EPA inspections, the determination has been made that 2 of these areas, the Playground Area, and the Berry Property require immediate additional action, necessary to repair, and or enhance the long term effectiveness of the original removal actions. At both areas, particularly the Playground Area, erosion along impacted sections of the river banks is apparent. This erosion had not only exposed areas of lead contamination and battery waste, but also, if no action is taken, the long term integrity of major portions of the entire remedy could be significantly compromised. In order to repair damage due to erosion, and enhance the long term effectiveness of the original Removal Action, EPA will re-start necessary Removal activities at the Site.

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